Improved and sophisticated weapons are provided to the State Police forces depending upon their actual requirement as well as availability.

Killing by Militants

3992. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, Government employees and security personnel, separately killed/kidnapped by the militants in Punjab and J & K during the current year upto 31st October, 1991 category-wise;

(b) the number of militants nabbed/killed during encounters with security forces during the above period in Punjab and J & K;

(c) the number of militants released by the Government in both States during the period; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to ensure rehabilitation of kith and kin of the deceased in both States particularly those of deceased Government employees and security personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STAT IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to information available 1881 civilians and 427 securty force personnel were killed in Punjab by terrorists during the relevant period. 355 parsons had also been kidnapped by them during the period. The break-up into Government employees and security force personnel is not readily available. During the same period 1248 terrorists had been killed in encounters and another 1731 had ben arrested.

Information in this regard respect of J & K is being collected and would b laid on the table of the House.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Governments of Punjab and J & K have drawn up schemes to provide relief and other assistance to the victims of terrorists.

New Post Offices in Kolam Kerala

3993. SHRI LODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be please to state:

(a) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Kerala during 1991-92; and

(b) how many of these will be in Kolam districts and the details of the proposed locations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A target for opening 50 extra departmental branch post offices has been fixed for Kerala during the year 1991-92.

(b) There is a target to open two Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in Kolam district during the current year. An extra-departmental Post Office had been opened in Veliyam West on 31.10.91 and another one is being opened at Podiyattuvila.

Proposal to Establish TV Studio at Dharamsala (Himachal Pradesh)

3994. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: